

MAYOR
Mike Patterson

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Darren Janesky

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
Shane Childers, MBA



TOWN COUNCIL
Scott Byars
S.L. Ford
Brian White

TOWN CLERK
Debby Mullinax

Blacksburg Town Council Meeting
May 14, 2024
Minutes 1308

PRESENT: Councilman S.L. Ford, Councilman Scott Byars, Councilman Brian White and presiding over the meeting Mayor Mike Patterson. Councilman Darren Janesky was absent.

STAFF: Administrator Shane Childers, Town Clerk Debby Mullinax, Chairman of Zoning Board Nina Cobb, Chief Brian Mullinax, and Public Works Supervisor Steve Hames.

MEDIA: Brock Hamrick of the Cherokee Chronicle, Scott Powell of the Gaffney Ledger.

I. CALL TO ORDER & INVOCATION:

Mayor Patterson called the meeting to order, with Councilman Ford giving the invocation.

II. MINUTES:

Councilman Ford made a motion to accept Minutes 1307 as written, Councilman White seconded the motion. All were in favor.

III. BILL DISCUSSION & SEWER ADJUSTMENTS:

Bills for the month of April totaled \$98551.36. This was for information only. No action was taken.

IV. PRESENTATION:

Mayor Patterson made a motion to accept Resolution 2024-004 International Firefighter Day May 4, 2024, with Councilman Ford seconding the motion. All were in favor.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Administrator Childers gave the updated Town Council Meetings, June 4th, August 6th, and September 3rd. The meetings were changed due to election and vacation schedules. This was for information only. No action was taken.

B. Administrator Childers gave an update on the Streetscape and Placemaking Master Plan, he has been working with Blake Sanders on the master plan and they met with the Stirring Committee. Administrator Childers said that a survey could be taken online as well as copies in the office. A public input meeting will be held May 21, 2024 but maybe changed due to graduation. Mr. Sanders will do a presentation before the Council on June 6, 2024, and he should be through with the study by the end of July. For information only. No action taken.

C. Administrator Childers gave an update on the Amphitheater Project, he informed Council of the two bids were submitted, both bids were over \$150,000.00 using metal beams and steel framing. Have the engineer look at using wood framing verse steel. The Council asked to see what the cost difference would be.

D. Mayor Patterson made a motion to give Dennis Stoupe a noise permit and to close the road between S. Rutherford Street and W. Chester Street between the hours of 5:00pm and 9:00pm with Councilman Ford seconding the motion. All were in favor.

VI. ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE:

1. The Town Administrator continues working with DHEC and the State Revolving Fund, along with the Town Engineering on the initial phase of the \$1,500,000 Principal Forgiveness Grant that was awarded to address upgrades to the Cherokee St water line and the installation of 2 separate booster pumps.
2. The Town Administrator continues working with the Board of Public Works, Cherokee County Economic Development, the Town's Engineering and ACOG on possible expansion of water to strategic areas of possible development.
3. The Town Administrator attended the Cherokee County Transportation Committee meeting in March to ask for funding once again to be appropriated for several streets to be resurfaced within the Town of Blacksburg. The administration is currently waiting on the Cherokee County Transportation Committee to appropriate funding as they are waiting on bids.
4. The Town Administrator applied for and participated in a very competitive process to be awarded a no-cost 9-week training through the Appalachian Regional Commission's *READY* Local Government designed to assist in locating federal grants, navigating the application process, and managing rewarded grants. The second phase of this program is expected to make available a \$50,000 internal capacity grant. Police Chief Mullinax is also participating in the training along with the Town Administrator.
5. The Town Administrator and steering committee members met with Blake Sanders with Studio Main to discuss options on possible streetscape ideas. There will be a public input meeting on May 21, 2024, at 6:00pm at the Blacksburg Museum of History for community members to provide possible ideas on what a downtown streetscape project should include. There is also a survey that is available to the public to solicit ideas on what should be included in a streetscape project.
6. Town Administrator was invited to an event at Blacksburg High School and had the opportunity to participate in interviews with High School Seniors, providing them with experience for future interviews in the job market.
7. The Town Administrator has been working with the Blacksburg Business Association and other stakeholders

to bring an Independence Day celebration, including fireworks show, to the Town of Blacksburg on the evening of June 29, 2024.

8. Town Public Works staff continue to conduct routine maintenance and repair to the Town's Water System, Streets and Parks, and roadway infrastructure.
9. The Town of Blacksburg Police Department had 266 calls for service in April 2024, according to Cherokee County Dispatch monthly data.
10. The Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department had 58 calls for service in April 2024, according to Cherokee County Dispatch monthly data.
11. Town has completed the 1st Period of FY25. The Town has spent approximately 5.52 % of the FY25 budget of \$3,240,650.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Byars made a motion to go into executive session for Police Personnel SC Code 30-4-70, Police Personnel SC Code 30-4-70, and Administration Personnel SC Code 30-4-70. Councilman Ford seconded the motion with all in favor.

VIII. RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:

Councilman Ford made a motion to return to regular session with Councilman Byars seconding the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Patterson asked for a motion to except the resignations of Officers Shadana Blanton and Allen Baker. Councilman White made the motion with Councilman Byars seconding the motion. All were in favor.

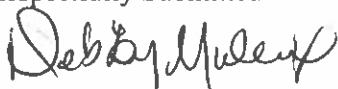
Administration Personnel was for information only. No action was taken.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, Councilman Ford made the motion to adjourn with Councilman Byars. Seconding the motion, all were in favor.

Adjournment 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted



Debby Mullinax

Town Clerk



Mayor Mike Patterson, Town of Blacksburg